

work together to ensure they have adequate resources and opportunities for healthier and brighter futures.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Latinos represented 16 percent of the U.S. population but accounted for 20 percent of the new HIV infections and 19 percent of people living with HIV infection. As of 2011, Latinos make up 31.9 percent of New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS. Knowing one's HIV infection status by getting tested is critical for seeking early medical treatment and intervention. This also helps prevent unknowingly transmitting the infection to other individuals.

Senator Kristen Gillibrand and I authored a bill, Communities United with Religious Leaders to Eliminate (CURE) HIV/AIDS Act, which will expand educational HIV/AIDS activities, develop policies for providing culturally relevant and sensitive treatment to individuals with HIV/AIDS, and incentivize payments to healthcare providers to implement HIV/AIDS testing. HIV/AIDS cannot conquer our communities. Let's keep fighting to eradicate this dreadful disease.

TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as they celebrate as their National Day this week.

I am proud to consider myself a friend of the Republic of China and value the relationship between our two nations, which over the last century, has resulted in strong relationship focused on our cultural and economic ties. I visited Taiwan as a state legislator and often welcome its representatives to District One.

With the recent expansion of the Visa Waiver Program to include the Republic of China, the United States in general and Las Vegas particularly are excited about hosting even more visitors from Taiwan.

Moreover, I would also like to see Taiwan join the International Civil Aviation Organization soon. Taiwan's participation in this important organization will promote global aviation safety and security while strengthening ICAO as an institution.

The United States and Taiwan continue to share a close friendship and important economic relationship, and I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the occasion of their National Day.

IN SUPPORT OF THE TROY/ CLAWSON REPUBLICAN FORUM

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Troy/Clawson Republican Forum of Michigan, who like so many organizations throughout our country have diligently educated our citizens on various public issues facing us today. Exercising their Constitutional

right to peacefully assemble and in many cases petition their government for a redress of grievances in support of the restoration of liberty, not in restricting it; shrinking our bloated government, not expanding it; who want to reduce taxes, not raise them; abolish costly government programs, not create them; expose the abuses and oppressions of tyrannical dictates; and promote the freedom and independence of our citizens, not the interference of government in their lives; and observe the limited, enumerated powers of our Constitution, not ignore them.

Mr. Speaker, these truly American patriots of every cultural, religious and ethnic background have found a common cause in fighting back today's proliferating big government rules and regulations imposed by costly bloated government bureaucracies who are accountable to no one at the expense of individual rights.

They are God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans who desire nothing more than to rein in big government's tendency toward excessive coercion and the insidious spread of government overreach. They question when the validity of laws and morality contradict each other. They desire nothing more than the extension of individual freedom in a Democracy that attaches all possible value to citizens' rather than making each citizen a mere agent, a mere number; a Democracy that seeks equality in Liberty rather than in restraint and servitude.

Mr. Speaker, there is a great political awakening taking place in our country today. The roots of which are solid stock and American made, they are visionary individuals who understand the moral foundations of a Constitutional Republic, the benefits of free markets, and individual liberty. May they continue to strive valiantly and dare greatly.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few short minutes to give this testimony in support of a truly American organization.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF DELFINA TYQUIENGCO AGUIGUI

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Delfina Tyquengco Aguigui, a devoted educator and public servant on Guam. She was born in the village of Merizo on December 1, 1921 to Ignacio Babauta Aguigui and Buevenida Tyquengco Aguigui. She passed away on September 21, 2013 at the age of 91.

Delfina dedicated herself to educating Guam's youth. Upon graduating from Syracuse University in New York, she returned to Guam as a teacher within the Guam public school system. She went on to become the principal of George Washington High School in Mangilao, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education, and then the Deputy Director of the Guam Department of Education. In these capacities, she worked to improve the quality of education for Guam's public school students. She was also a member of the University of Guam faculty where she was responsible for student housing.

Delfina also worked to improve the federal-territorial relationship between the United States and Guam. In 1975, she was appointed to the 13th Guam Legislature's Political Status Commission, which worked to educate the people of Guam on the need to review Guam's political relationship with the U.S. This Commission organized the first formal plebiscite, which was held in September of 1976, where the people of Guam expressed their desire to improve Guam's political relationship with the U.S. In 1976 Delfina was also appointed the Executive Director of the Guam American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and organized local festivities to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Delfina will be missed by all who knew her. I extend my sincere condolences to her family, friends, and loved ones. I join the people of Guam in honoring her for her many contributions to our island and people.

HONORING WALTER CRENSHAW, JR., LONGEST LIVING MEMBER OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American Hero.

This weekend, Walter Crenshaw, Jr. will celebrate his 104th birthday. As the longest living member of the Tuskegee Airmen, he has led a remarkable life.

In October 1942, Walter Crenshaw was inducted into the United States Army Air Corps, ultimately attaining the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Crenshaw was stationed at Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF) in Tuskegee, Alabama from 1942 through 1944. He served as the Administrative Assistant to the Provost Marshall during the initial training for the 99th Pursuit Squadron's training period as well as the 332nd Fighter's Squadron. An additional 500 cadets would follow during his service. Sergeant Crenshaw was responsible for the induction and background work on each cadet. As a result, he came to know each man personally.

The Tuskegee Airmen broke through racial, military and political barriers to become the first African American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. Sergeant Crenshaw was among the men to successfully join this courageous group of men. He has been since honored for his service, receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Harriet Tubman Living Legends Award, and his profile is a permanent part of the exhibit, "Tuskegee Airmen, Men in Flight" at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles.

After leaving the service, he and his wife lived in Detroit while he served for 22 years as the Head of Shipping Clerk for Railway Express.

They retired to Santa Monica in 1977, where Mr. Crenshaw kept active with photography and taking classes at Santa Monica College. At least four days a week, he would bike to the Santa Monica Pier to fish. Now, he currently resides in the Veterans Home of California in West Los Angeles on the VA Medical Center Campus. His many interests include